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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 154
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A RESOLUTION To recognize the Kenneth "Pete" Springer
Memorial Foundation.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pay tribute to those exemplary organizations, and their individual members, who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, The newly-formed Kenneth "Pete" Springer Memorial Foundation is most assuredly one such exemplary organization; and

WHEREAS, During its premiere year, the Foundation has as its immediate goal to raise enough funds to provide three Hickman County High School students with \$1000 scholarships to assist them in their education, with the future goal of establishing scholarships at all high schools in the late Senator's district; and

WHEREAS, One of the Foundation's goals is to provide assistance to teachers and schools, and support for public service organizations. A way of providing such assistance is by helping them to further their own education, hoping that in their doing so, they will be able to better provide the highest quality of education to their students; and

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WHEREAS, The Foundation also wants to assist schools through grants, giving that no school has all of the resources it needs to keep up with everyday challenges it faces, but it hopes to provide financial support to help meet some, or most of those challenges; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation's Board of Directors, including Chairman Vince Springer, Secretary Jarron Springer, Treasurer Wayne Qualls, Janice Springer, Neyland Springer; Ken Fleming, and Bo Mitchell, ultimately want to provide financial assistance to communtiy-based volunteer organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Kenneth "Pete" Springer Memorial Foundation's founding precepts are to continue with the work that Senator Springer felt so passionately about; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather who was widely respected and admired as a distinguished Senator and beloved friend; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his estimable life Pete Springer played an integral role in the political and economic development of his beloved town of Lyles, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, He was a graduate of Hickman County High School, received both his Bachelor of Science Degree and Master's Degree in Education from Middle Tennessee State University and his Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Administration from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Senator Springer and his devoted wife, Janice Mangrum Springer, were joined in holy matrimony in 1966 and from that union three children were born, Neyland, Vince, and Jarron; they have been blessed with four grandchildren: Allyson, Hayden, Erin, and Kenneth; and

WHEREAS, Respected and admired by the educational community, Senator Springer served for more than thirty years as a teacher, coach, and administrator at the Hickman, Dickson, and Williamson County School Systems; and

WHEREAS, He served with absolute and unwavering dedication in the 92nd and the 97th through 101st General Assemblies, during which time he astutely served as Chairman of the

Senate Government Operations Committee, as Treasurer of the Senate Democratic Caucus, as a member of the Senate Education and Transportation Committees, and as a member of the Select Oversight Committees on Education, and Children and Youth; and

WHEREAS, Senator Springer was active in his community, contributing his exemplary talents, as a Mason, a Shriner, and Knights Templar, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Southern College of Optometry and the Jeff Dye Scholarship Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Kenneth "Pete" Springer Memorial Foundation is to focus on those issues that were important to Senator Springer, in hopes of creating a better society in which to live; and

WHEREAS, While his legacy will never be forgotten and the void he has left will never be filled, the Foundation will forever be an unflagging supporter of his significant legacy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we recognize the Kenneth "Pete" Springer Memorial Foundation, and its Board of Directors, for their dedicated service in promoting the goodwill of one of our beloved former colleagues, and for their future contributions to the citizens of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.